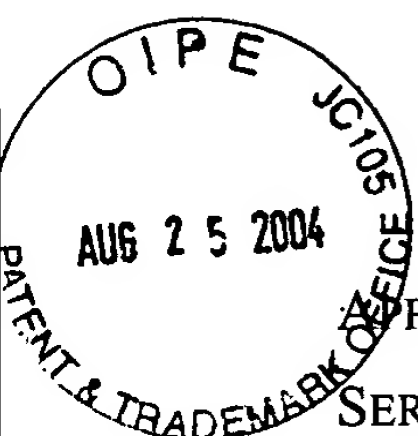


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: Wahlberg et al.
SERIAL NUMBER: 09/696,530 EXAMINER: Nichols, Christopher J.
FILING DATE: October 24, 2000 ART UNIT: 1647
FOR: CULTURES OF GFAP⁺ NESTIN⁺ CELLS
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants request a petition for a three-month extension of time pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) in which to respond to the Office Action mailed March 17, 2004. With the extension, the response is due on or before September 17, 2004. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$475.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 19313-004 (NS-4). A duplicate of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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